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SUBJ: LA FONMIN CONFERENCE: AGENDA FOR MTG WITH THE SECY

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1. THE FOL IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE "BASES FOR A NEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE U.S." APPROVED BY THE LA FONMIN CONFERENCE AND WHICH IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS AN AGENDA FOR THE EXPECTED MTG IN MEXICO EARLY NEXT YEAR WITH SECY KISSINGER: "QUOTE ON THE 5TH OF OCTOBER, 1973 AT HIS INVITATION, LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES AT THE 28TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS MET WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DR HENRY A. KISSINGER. ON THAT OCCASION THE SECRETARY OF STATE, PROPOSING TO LATIN AMERICA "FRIENDSHIP BASED ON EQUALITY AND RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF EACH COUNTRY," OFFERED TO INITIATE A "NEW DIALOGUE" WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO DEAL WITH MATTERS OF INTEREST
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TO THE HEMISPHERE. IN LIGHT OF THIS INITIATIVE, THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA FORMULATED AN INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. KISSINGER, WHO RESPONDED THAT "HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AND PERSONALLY IN SUCH A DIALOGUE AT THE APPROP-

RIATE MOMENT." THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA THEN CONVOKED A CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH THE OBJECT OF EXCHANGING OPINIONS CONCERNING THE BEST WAY TO AGREE ON THE BASIS FOR A NEW DIALOGUE.

THE CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE IN BOGOTA ON THE 14-16 OF NOVEMBER, 1973 WITH THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS: THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BARBADOS, CHILE, PERU, VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR, COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA, GUATEMALA, PANAMA, MEXICO, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, GUYANA AND COLOMBIA AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF JAMAICA, BOLIVIA, HAITI, BRAZIL, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY, AND ARGENTINA;

DURING THE CONFERENCE, THE VALIDITY OF THE PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, CONSECRATED IN VARIOUS PUBLIC DOCUMENTS SUCH AS THE CONSENSUS OF VINA DEL MAR OF 1969 AND OTHERS APPROVED LATER, WAS REITERATED, AS WAS THE NECESSITY OF TAKING THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THESE PRINCIPLES.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT IN THE "NEW DIALOGUE" WHICH WILL SOON BE JOINED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO EXHAUSTIVELY EXAMINE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEMS WHICH INTERESTS LATIN AMERICA, THE CONFERENCE REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INITIATE AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AND POSITIONS.

COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT: INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT MUST CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT AND MUST THEREFORE BE APPLIED TO ALL AREAS: ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, FINANCIAL, SOCIAL TECHNOLOGICAL, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL. COOPERATION THROUGH THE MULTILATERAL MECHANISMS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, MUST BE INTEGRATED AND NOT BASED ON UNILATERAL CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE ASSISTING COUNTRY, NOR SHOULD IT BE DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE.

IT IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY WITH THE AIM OF PROTECTING THE INHERENT CONDITIONS OF THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRIES.

IT IS URGENT THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE FOR FREE ACCESS OF LATIN AMERICAN PRODUCTS TO THE U.S. MARKET, WHERE THEY SUFFER UNJUST RESTRICTIONS OF DIVERSE NATURE SUCH AS CUSTOMS, SANITATION, QUOTAS AND OTHERS.

AN UNPOSTPONABLE DECISION MUST BE TAKEN TO FORTIFY AND, MOST IMPORTANT, UTILIZE EFFECTIVELY THE MECHANISM OF CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION (SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION ON NEGOTIATION) IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE ENDS FOR WHICH IT WAS CREATED. COERCIVE

MEASURES OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE: THE NEED TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE MECHANISM AGAINST THE PROPOSAL, ADOPTION OR APPLICATION OF THIS KIND OF MEASURE. RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM: IT IS NECESSARY TO INTENSIFY THE WORK OF RESTRUCTURING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IN ORDER TO ADAPT IT TO THE NEW POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CONDITIONS OF THE AMERICAN STATES AND HEMISPHERIC AND WORLD CIRCUMSTANCES; AND THAT THE U.S. SHARE IN THE ASPIRATIONS AND THE LABORS OF THE LATIN AMERICANS TO ACHIEVE THE PROFOUND CHANGES WHICH THE SYSTEM DEMANDS.

SOLUTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL QUESTION: IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE QUESTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL, INITIATED IN 1964, WILL BE RESUMED SHORTLY, THE OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, REAFFIRMING THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, MANIFEST THAT THE SOLUTION TO SAID QUESTION IS OF COMMON INTEREST AND HIGH PRIORITY FOR LATIN AMERICA AND HOPE THAT THE ALREADY DELAYED NEGOTIATIONS WILL CULMINATE IN A SOLUTION THAT WILL SATISFY THE JUST ASPIRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

THE STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE AND THE MONETARY SYSTEM: THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE DETERMINED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CORRECTION OF EXISTING MONETARY DISTORTIONS AND TO ASSURE THEIR RIGHT TO PROSPERITY AND PEACE. IN THAT SENSE, THEIR FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THE REFORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL SO THAT THEIR EFFORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT BE PREJUDICED BY DECISIONS IN WHICH THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN PART.
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IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE, PARTICULARLY IN COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS, THAT THE OBLIGATIONS OF EACH COUNTRY BE PROPORTIONAL TO ITS ECONOMIC CAPACITY AND THAT THEREFORE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD RECEIVE DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

IT IS URGENT THAT THE U S IMPLEMENT ITS GENERAL SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES AND APPLY IT WITHOUT RECIPROCITY OR DISCRIMINATION. THE PREFERENCES WHICH ALREADY ARE IN EFFECT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DETERIORATE DURING MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS AND MUST BE EXPANDED. PREFERENCES ACCORDED UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM SHOULD HAVE THE CHARACTER OF AN INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL OBLIGATION.

IT IS NECESSARY TO RE-ESTABLISH OR CREATE, DURING THE MULTILATERAL COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS OR INDEPENDENTLY, AGREEMENTS AND MECHANISMS RELATED TO THE BASIC PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO THE REGION THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO OBTAINING JUST AND REMUNERATIVE PRICES WHICH WILL BE STABLE IN THE LONG RUN.

MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES: A PROFOUND CONCERN EXISTS IN LATIN

AMERICA OVER THE ATTITUDE OF THE MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES THAT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE AND ATTEMPT TO EVADE LEGISLATION AND THE JURISDICTION OF COMPETENT NATIONAL COURTS. MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES CONSTITUTES A SUITABLE FACTOR FOR LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED THEY RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE COUNTRIES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE AND PROVIDED THAT THEY ADAPT TO THE COUNTRIES' DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS.

LATIN AMERICA CONSIDERS THE COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES NECESSARY IN ORDER TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES AND RESULTING FRICTIONS AND AVOID THOSE WHICH COULD ORIGINATE AS A RESULT OF THE CONDUCT OF MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES THAT VIOLATE THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES.

TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS REQUIRES ADEQUATE TECHNOLOGY. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, AND ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES, IS INDISPENSABLE AS A COMPLEMENT TO NATIONAL EFFORTS. IN THIS RESPECT, LATIN AMERICA HOPES TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL LEVELS IN FIELDS SUCH AS EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING, NUTRITION, AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY. THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE FITTED TO THE NEEDS, POSSIBILITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS.

GENERAL PANORAMA OF RELATIONS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE U S: CONSIDERATION OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF HEMISPHERIC INTEREST IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT WORLD AND REGIONAL SITUATION.

THE SELECTION OF THE ABOVE THEMES CORRESPONDS TO A CRITERION OF PRIORITY AND CONSEQUENTLY DOES NOT SIGNIFY THAT OTHER PROBLEMS CAN NOT BE TREATED AT SOME OTHER OPPORTUNITY.

THE CONFERENCE ALSO EXPRESSES THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY WISH TO PROPOSE.

FINALLY, IT IS CONSIDERED DESIREABLE TO AGREE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON A DATE FOR THE PROPOSED MEETING TO BE HELD IN MEXICO. UNQUOTE

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